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SUBJ: GREECE PROPOSES TO TURKEY THAT AEGEAN DISPUTE BE REFERRED TO  
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

1. PM CARAMANLIS ANNOUNCED JAN 27 THAT GOG HAD PROPOSED TO  
TURKISH GOVERNMENT EARLIER THAT DAY THROUGH GREEK AMBASSADOR  
IN ANKARA THAT AEGEAN DISPUTE BE REFERRED TO INTERNATIONAL  
COURT OF JUSTICE FOR SETTLEMENT.PM STATED THIS ACTION UNDERSCORED  
GREECE'S OWN "RESPECT FOR PEACEFUL ARBRIRATION" AND ITS  
EXPECTATION THAT TURKEY WILLDEMONSTRATE SIMILAR RESPECT.

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2. FULL TEXT CARAMANLIS STATEMENT FOLLOWS: QUOTE  
TOO MANY REPORTS AND RUMORS CIRCULATED RECENTLY ON  
THE SUBJECT OF THE AEGEAN. IN TURKEY, AGGRESSIVE  
INTENTIONS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO GREECE AND WERE EXPLOITED  
IN SUCH A WAY AS TO STEP UP PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS. ONE THE  
OTHER HAND, SIMILAR IMPRESSIONS WERE CREATED ALSO IN  
GREECE CONCERNING TURKISH INTENTIONS. IN THE LIGHT OF  
THE ABOVE, I DEEM IT NECESSARY TO STATE THAT GREECE  
REMAINS STEADFAST TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER  
REGARDING THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL  
DIFFERENCES. CONSISTENT TO THIS POLICY, AND IN BELIEF THAT BY ACTING  
IN THIS MANNER IT PROTECTS THE LEGAL  
INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TODAY  
PROPOSED TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ITS AMBASSADOR  
IN ANKARA, TO REFER THE DISPUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
COURT AT THE HAGUE, OWING TO THE FACT THAT THE DIVERGENCE  
OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES DOES NOT ALLOW FOR A  
COMMON LEGAL BASIS ON WHICH NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CARRIED  
OUT. BY PROPOSING TO HAVE RECOURSE TO THIS PEACEFUL AND  
GENERALLY ACCEPTED MEANS USED TO SOLVE DISPUTES BETWEEN  
STATES, GREECE UNDERSCORES ITS RESPECT FOR PEACEFUL  
ARBITRATION AND EXPECTS THAT TURKEY WILL DEMONSTRATE THE  
SAME SENSE OF RESPECT FOR IT. END QUOTE

3 TWO PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION LEADERS IMMEDIATELY  
ENDORSED CARAMANLIS' MOVE. GEORGE MAVROS, CENTER UNION  
NEW FORCES CHIEF, DECLARED THAT PM'S MOVE WAS A CORRECT  
ONE. HE STRESSED THAT NO NATION HAS RIGHT TO IMPOSE  
ITS VIEWS BY FORCE AND THAT INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENCES  
SHOULD NOT BE SOLVED BY ARMED CONFLICT, BUT RATHER BY  
ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS. ILIAS  
ILIOU, LEADER OF UNITED LEFT, CATEGORIZED GOVERNMENT  
INITIATIVE AS CORRECT AND STATED THAT IT UNDERLINED  
GREECE'S DEVOTION TO PEACEFUL PROCEDURES. HE ADDED THAT  
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE COMPLETE IF THE GOVERNMENT  
HAD AT SAME TIME SUBMITTED MATTER TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL  
IN THAT THE ESCALATING TURKISH AGGRESSIVENESS BOTH IN  
CYPRUS AND IN AEGEAN CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO PEACE. WHILE  
ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, PASOK LEADER, MADE NO STATEMENT,  
SOURCES CLOSE TO HIM WERE QUOTED BY PRESS AS DECLARING  
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THAT "CLARIFICATION MUST BE AWAITED AS TO WHAT CAN BE  
ACCOMPLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE". HOWEVER, THE  
IMPRESSION WAS GIVEN BY THESE SAME SOURCES THAT "PASOK  
DOES NOT, IN PRINCIPLE, OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE."

4. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS ALSO GENERALLY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR  
PM'S ACTION.  
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